

DOUBLE!

"SPEAK YE COMFORTABLY TO JERUSALEM, AND CRY UNTO HER, THAT HER WARFARE IS ACCOMPLISHED, THAT HER INIQUITY IS PARDONED: FOR SHE HATH RECEIVED OF THE LORD'S HAND DOUBLE FOR ALL HER SINS" (ISAIAH 40:2)

Reader, do you know what comfort is to be found in having the Spirit of God reveal to your heart the meaning of this one blessed word *'double'*? You see, our *good* and *ready to forgive* God declares that His people have received of His hand *double!* Not only has God forgiven His people for the *iniquity* of trying to establish their own righteousness (while they were dead spiritually); He has also forgiven them of all their transgressions! [PSA 86:5, ROM 10:3-4, ISA 64:6, EPH 2:1]

You see, as a sinner, this writer needs two things to enter into the Kingdom of God. First, I need all my transgressions forgiven, and thanks being to God, by the *blood* of His darling Son, I have been undeservedly granted a full and complete pardon for all my sins. Second, I also need a perfect righteousness, and again thanks being to God, He made His Son, who knew no sin, to be sin for me, that I might be made the righteousness of God in His Son, Christ Jesus my Lord. *"For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"* (2 COR 5:21).

Reader, do you now see the blessedness of this one little word *double*? You see, God's people not only rejoice in the blessedness of His Son's *redeeming* death that *cleanses us from all sin* (1 JOHN 1:9), much more, we also rejoice in His Son's perfect *righteousness*. Again and again, all throughout the scriptures, we read the blessed gospel of both Christ and Him crucified; how that all our *iniquity* and all our *sins* are pardoned, for we have received *double* of the LORD'S hand.

Beloved, *"we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."* Not only have we been reconciled to God by the precious *blood* of His well pleasing Son, much more beloved, we have been reconciled to God by His Son's perfect *righteousness*, who *ever liveth to make intercession* for us.

What a blessed word, *double!* Not only is the Lord Jesus Christ all our *justification*, He is also all our *sanctification*. Indeed beloved, He has *accomplished* all our salvation [1 COR 1:30, COL 2:10, HEB 12:2].

Beloved believing sinner of God, rejoice! You have received of the LORD'S hand *double!* For He is faithful and just to *forgive us our sins*, AND to *cleanse us from all unrighteousness*. AMEN!

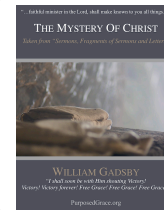
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"I have trusted in THY
mercy; my heart shall
rejoice in THY salvation"

(PSALM 13:5)



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YE KNOW NOT WHAT YE ASK

"...JESUS SAID UNTO THEM, YE KNOW NOT WHAT YE ASK..."

(MARK 10:38)

Strange! what, James and John, two disciples of a despised and rejected Master, who had not where to lay His head, yet dreaming of earthly pomp and worldly grandeur, and petitioning for the highest pitch of worldly glory? yes, nothing less than the right hand of preeminence, and the left hand of power, would suit them. Human nature, how earthly, carnal, and selfish! How low are we fallen! yet how lofty in pride! What are the best of men, when left to their own spirits? Truly, we know not what to pray for, as we ought. Jesus, Master, instruct us, what we are called to! Teach us what to pray for. Let thy word, *"My kingdom is not of this world,"* be ever uppermost in our minds! (JOHN 18:36)

Poor Baruch could not be honored of God, and commissioned to read the roll to the princes of Judah, but he thinks, now I am somebody; I have got in the way of earthly honor and preferment. But his brother Jeremiah is sent to him, with this question and reproof, *"Seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not."*—(JEREMIAH 45:5). How many distresses were brought upon the children of Israel by the mixed multitude that went with them! So the swarms of corrupt lusts, earthly affections, and carnal desires, which are found with us, are ever opposing the glory of Jesus, and exciting us to seek that happiness, in nature and sense, which can only be found in the spiritual reign of Jesus, in the heart.

But so kind and gracious is our dear Saviour, that He crosses our wills, and denies our request, when contrary to our spiritual interest. Thus in love He answers our prayers: He withholds what we ask; He gives what He knows is best for us. If disciples ask what is unfit to receive, or unlawful to beg, shall we complain of God's love if He denies? Granting is not always the effect of love. If so, Paul had been less loved than Satan. Satan asked but once concerning Job, and his request was granted. Paul besought the Lord thrice, that the messenger of Satan might depart, yet was denied in that. Yea, blessed Jesus thrice prayed His Father that the cup might pass from Him; but that could not be. The Lord delights in the prosperity of His people; therefore withholds no good thing from them. Not our judgment, but His wisdom must determine this. We pray to be in the height of comfort, and on the pinnacle of joy. But love answers by keeping us in the safe vale of humility and self-abasement. Lord, what proud, aspiring creatures are we! enable us to obey thee! *"Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God."* (1 PETER 5:6)

I'm heard, when answered soon or late,

And heard, when I no answer get:

Yea, kindly answered when refused;

By Jesus loved, when harshly used.

Peace then, my soul, for Christ knows best,

Either to give or to withhold;

On Him still wait, on His word rest;

Against thy fears be firm and bold.

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NO CONDEMNATION, NO JUDGEMENT IN CHRIST

"THERE IS THEREFORE NOW NO CONDEMNATION TO THEM WHICH ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO WALK NOT AFTER THE FLESH, BUT AFTER THE SPIRIT"

(ROMANS 8:1)

Beloved, *there is therefore now no condemnation*, that is, *there is therefore now no judgment to them which are in the Lord Jesus Christ, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit* (ROMANS 8:1). Think of it beloved! No condemnation for your sin—oh the blessedness of that reality! There is therefore, right now, *no condemnation* to you who are resting in the Lord Jesus Christ. And why is that? Because, beloved believing sinner, the Lord Jesus Christ has answered the demands of God's law for all your sins. Indeed, He has made a full atonement, a full satisfaction for all of the iniquities and transgressions of His people.

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